

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Douglas U. Mennie *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2010, for which the three-month date for response was February 9, 2011. A request for a two-month extension of time is hereby made, and payment therefor correspondingly submitted herewith, to extend the period of response to April 9, 2011. This amendment is being timely submitted on April 11, 2011 (Monday). The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following amendments and remarks.

The Applicant's Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicant's Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.